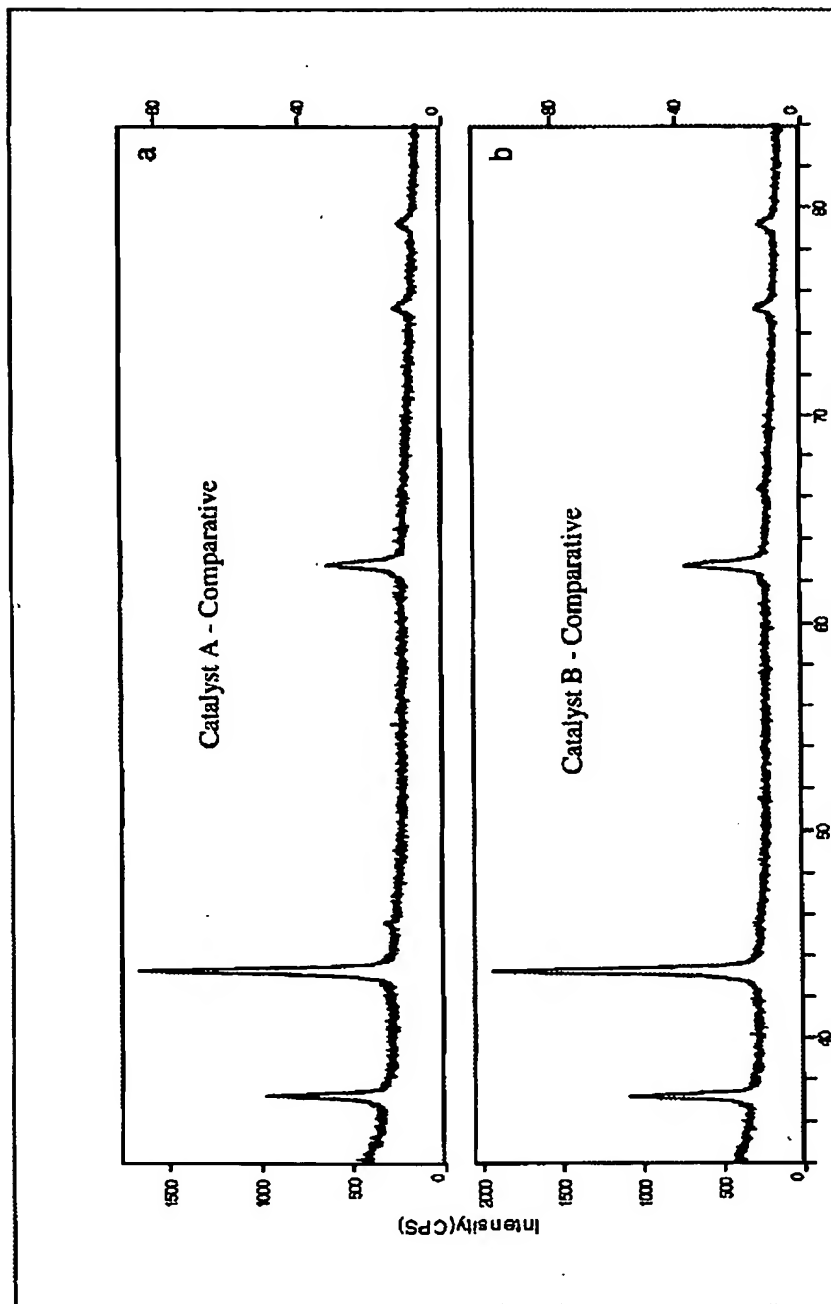


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Figure 1

XRD patterns of NiO-MgO (Ni:Mg=1:1) after calcination at 910°C (a), designated "Catalyst A" and after further reduction at 500°C (b, designated as "Catalyst B".



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Figure 2

XRD patterns of NiO-MgO (Ni:Mg=1:1) after calcination at 500°C (a) and after further reduction at 850°C (b), which is designated as "Catalyst C".

